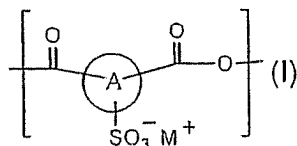


## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims.

1. (Original) Polyester resin comprising at least 85 Mol-% of polyethylene terephthalate and at least 0.01, Mol-%, but not more than 5.00 Mol-% of units of the formula (I)



wherein



wherein n is an integer from 3 to 10 and

wherein

$\text{M}^+$  is an alkali metal ion, earth alkali metal ion, phosphonium ion or ammonium ion and

wherein the polyester contains < 5.0 wt.-% of diethylene glycol and

wherein the polyester contains  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$  in an amount such that the phosphor content is 10 to 200 ppm (based on the weight of the polyester) and wherein the polyester is either free of or does not contain more than 9 ppm of  $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4$ , and

wherein the intrinsic viscosity is 0.6 to 1.0.

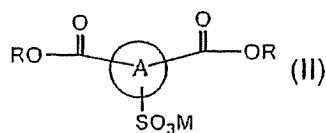
2. (Original) Polyester resin according to claim 1, wherein

3. (Original) Polyester resin according to claim 1, wherein


4. (Currently Amended) Polyester resin according to claim 2 or 3, wherein the attachments to the phenyl ring are in 1-, 3- and 5-position and the attachment to the naphthyl ring are in 2-, 4- and 6-position.

5. (Currently Amended) Polyester resin according to one of claims 1 to 4, wherein  $\text{M}^+$  is  $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$  or  $\text{K}^+$ .

6. (Currently Amended) Polyester resin according to ~~one of~~ claims 1 to 5, wherein the  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$  (disodium monohydrogenphosphate) is in the form of the dodecahydrate ( $12 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$ ).
7. (Currently Amended) Polyester resin according to ~~one of~~ claims 1 to 6, further comprising <10 Mol-% of modifying agents.
8. (Currently Amended) Polyester resin according to ~~one of~~ claims 1 to 7, wherein the NSR is <10.
9. (Currently Amended) Polyester resin according to ~~one of~~ claims 1 to 8, wherein the half time of crystallization is > 150 sec at 200°C.
10. (Original) Method of manufacturing a polyester resin according to claim 1, comprising the steps of
- a) reacting terephthalic acid (TA) or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-dialkyl terephthalate; and ethylene glycol (EG); and at least 0.01, but not more than 5.00 Mol-% of a compound according to formula (II).



wherein R is hydrogen, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-hydroxyalkyl and M

and  have the meaning given in claim 1 for formula (I) and

- b) subjecting the reaction product of a) to a polycondensation reaction to form the polymer.